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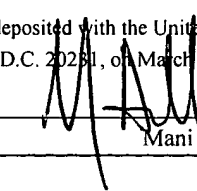
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In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/737,245

Filing Date: 12/13/00

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
USING CONNECTION GRAPHS WITH
POTENTIAL DIAGONAL EDGES TO
MODEL INTERCONNECT
TOPOLOGIES DURING PLACEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 12/4/02, attached please find:

1. An Amendment to the Office Action;
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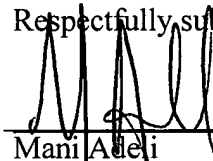
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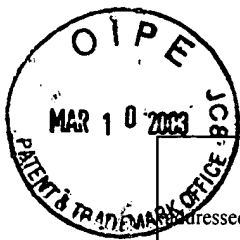
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 5-6 in the specification with the following amended paragraph.

--**Figure 10**, which is presented on two separate sheets labeled **Figure 10A** and **10B**, illustrates a process for generating a wirelength estimate according to a bounding-box method of the invention.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 8-9 in the specification with the following

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